

*Letters from the People***Time for Introspection**

I have been a student of Russian and Soviet history since my junior year at the University of North Carolina, 1915, and I have traveled extensively throughout that area. Furthermore, I am in close contact with others who have likewise traveled widely there.

It is my considered judgment as a result of all this that Mr. Khrushchev today enjoys a higher degree of confidence of his people than almost any other leader of world stature. Propaganda to the contrary can only do him disservice to this nation.

The stark truth is that the President by admitting that the CIA was on a military mission, and then compounding this blunder by asserting this was necessary, closed the door on any further negotiations at the summit. No leader could possibly retain the support of his people by yielding to this kind of pressure.

This is no time for hubbub or saber rattling. It is a time for the most difficult of all human operations: that of self-examination. It is time to redouble our efforts to avoid catastrophe by continuing seriously the present negotiations for banning bomb tests and for disarmament.

The "cold" and "hot" warriors must not be permitted to profit by this blunder, whether they engineered it or not as some believe. It is time for the civilian forces of government to recover control of national security; it is time for the President to recall the delegation of his fundamental responsibilities, and it is time for the Congress to recover its constitutional responsibilities over peace and war.

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